Constitutional rights for SCs and STs

4118. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) why there is no focus on the serious issues concerning rights of SCs in particular in the matter of manual scavenging, filling up of the backlog at State level and prevention of atrocities in rural India; and

(b) why the various reports submitted by the National Commissions for SCs and STs are not discussed in Parliament?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has formulated Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of manual Scavengers *w.e.f.* January, 2007. The scheme provides for training, capital subsidy and concessional loan for rehabilitation of manual scavengers and their dependents. A provision of Rs. 100.00 crore has been provided under the scheme for the year 2008-09.

In addition to this under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, due central assistance is also provided to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for strengthening the enforcement and judicial machinery, inter caste marriages, awareness generation and relief and rehabilitation of the affected persons.

(b) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) submitted its 1 st Annual Report for the year 2004-05 and its first Special Report for the period 01.04.2006 to 30.09.2006. Annual Reports for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are yet to be submitted.

The recommendations of the NCST in their report for the year 2004-05 & 2005-06 submitted to the President in August, 2006, have been referred to. the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administration and various Central Ministries/Departments for taking necessary action and obtaining action taken reports respectively.

Atrocities on SCs

4119. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not discussing the reports submitted by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes during the last four years of presenting the same to Lok Sabha;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the increase in the cases of atrocities on SCs in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has submitted 1st Annual Report for the year 2004-05 and its First Special Report for the period 01.04.2006 to 30.9.2006.

Annual Reports for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are yet to be submitted.

(b) The no. of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in respect of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh is given as under:

SI. No.	Name of States	Cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	
		2005	2006
1.	Uttar Pradesh	4375	4838
2.	Gujarat	1538	1555
3.	Haryana	288	283
4.	Madhya Pradesh	5970	5711

(c) The action proposed by the Central Government is placed at the Statement.

Statement

Details of action proposed by the Central Government

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, due central assistance is also provided to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for strengthening for the enforcement and judicial machinery, inter caste marriages, awareness generation and relief and rehabilitation of the affected person. The details of the central assistance released under the Scheme to State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh are as under:—

SI. No.	Name of States	Central assistance released to the State Governments		
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1.	Uttar Pradesh	414.105	663.235	553.925
2.	Gujarat Haryana	281.03000	240.0850	120.645
3.	Madhya Pradesh	73.96025	61.07	97.8275
4.		820.01	712.195	856.1007

Also the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been addressing the States Governments/Union Territory Administrations to implement provisions of the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 Act in letter and spirit.

A Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment has also been constituted for effective coordination to devise ways and means to curb offences of untouchability and atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and effective implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Old Age Homes

4120. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: